

STORIES From the BIG CITIES

Shadows From "Great Beyond" Annoy Detroit Man

DETROIT.—In the happy family of Burt H. Clark, high-salaried advertising man, mysterious, long-dead, Egyptians, Hindus and Indians—all in long, flowing robes—have "materialized" and are holding strange and awful sway.

Mr. Clark objected, but they keep coming—at \$1 a throw—cluttering up his parlor. Now the "nonbeliever" has been asked to leave his home at 733 Third avenue.

Five years ago, the Clark family lived happily in Minneapolis, Minn. This was before the influence of the stray shadows from the Great Beyond affected it. Mr. Clark says Mrs. Clark "fell hard" for the shadows. Burt should know.

There was the case of "Cecil," a debonair young "materializer" who came to the Clark home weekly and, weakly and eventually became quite a household favorite.

Cecil got confidential with Mr. Clark one night, even genial, in a lubricated sort of way, and he revealed the secret—the mystic magic by which he became a professional "materializer."

"Talk to women—bunk them—but by all means get their money," he said. In five years Mr. Clark has also learned the system behind trumpet séances. Strangely enough, this system has nothing to do with any mysterious power. Instead it's planned like this:

"They look you up in Broadstreet and Dunn first. Then the city directory, then the telephone book. They use detective methods. They learn about the dead baby, the dead husband or son. When you come they put a trumpet to your ear and enlighten you."

Mr. Clark told a reporter for the Free Press that he would make formal complaint to Commissioner Couzens in order to break up the cult, which he says is composed of a crew of mind readers, fortune tellers and swindlers.

Small Girl's Plea Effective in Saving Her Pet

KANSAS CITY.—It was a celebrated author who once wrote of children that "they alone are good and wise, because their very thoughts, their very lives, are prayers." The prayer of little Marion Gleave, six years old, 3812 Highland avenue, said for four days at her mother's knee, was answered in the South Side court.

Buff, while playing with Elizabeth Leverage, 1702 Spellman avenue, May 14, bit her on the leg and the father of the child asked that the dog be killed.

When the case was called before Judge Joseph F. Keenan, Marion was with her dog. Buff was held fast by a long chain. The neighbors told of the dog biting the Leverage child, while others said that Buff was harmless when not annoyed. Mrs. Gleave lifted Marion in her arms and Judge Keenan asked: "What do you want me to do with Buff?" The child hesitated a moment.

Tears streaming down her cheeks and her face buried in her hands, Marion replied: "I want Buff to be alive."

One of the complaining witnesses laughed. It angered the judge.

"I don't see anything funny about that," he said. "I think it is very unduly like to make fun of a child."

"Take Buff home and let him up," Judge Keenan said, after Mrs. Gleave had told him of Marion's prayer.

"Thank you," little Marion cried, as she rushed out behind Buff. "You are a good man."

Visitor Got "Turned Around" in the Metropolis

NEW YORK.—This bewildering old town has turned many a stranger completely around, therefore it is not surprising that Mrs. A. H. Dellinger, a visitor from an Ohio town, permitted her sense of location to overwhelm her.

The Ohio young woman left the McAlpin hotel to learn why Fifth avenue shops make good housewives leave home as soon as their housework is done and often return late for hubby's dinner. Mrs. Dellinger, flushed with her knowledge and with the possession of some cosmopolitan clothes, turned her footsteps toward the McAlpin hotel an hour or so later. She hurried to the desk and asked the clerk for the key to room No. 1071. The clerk, a polite young man, looked at her in surprise.

"Why?" asked he. "I want the key to my room, No. 1071," answered Mrs. Dellinger. "Ah," said the clerk. "And since when was it your room?" Mrs. Dellinger, slightly nervous, explained that it was her room because she was there with her husband, whom she had seen register and he assigned to that room. In answer the clerk presented the register for her inspection, and Mrs. Dellinger saw, with dismay and surprise, that in some magical way the registration had vanished from the page.

"Why, I know we are staying here," she said. "We came right from the Pennsylvania station to the McAlpin hotel."

"Ah," said the clerk again. "Ah-h, the McAlpin. Front, show the young woman how to reach the McAlpin. Madam, this is the Waldorf-Astoria."

"Oh," said Mrs. Dellinger. "How horridly shopping can turn one round," she gasped and fled. The clerk shot his cuffs back and yawned. "Things like that happen frequently," he said.

Big Ape at Liberty Had Fun With City Policemen

HOBOKEN, N. Y.—Hoboken had a little circus all of its own, after Ringling Brothers' show folded its tents on Jersey City Heights, in the dark of the night and moved on to another town, and it still has part of a menagerie.

As he was passing St. Francis church, in Hoboken, Patrolman McGuire heard a noise and saw somebody moving stealthily in the churchyard. When almost upon the prowler he pointed his revolver, flashed a light and ordered hands up.

An indignant big ape sat up and chattered at him defiantly. McGuire decided that what he needed was a rope, so he backed out of the churchyard and got one, with which he lassoed the animal. The circus began right then with a procession, headed by McGuire, to the nearest livery stable. From then until daylight the ape did a continuous performance.

In the morning, when several policemen appeared, the captive bombarded them with milk bottles. The police retired and did a thinking stunt, after which they called upon the poundkeeper.

That official managed to get the ape to the pound, and sent out hurry calls for the Ringling people. But to his great dismay, William Harper of 200 Bloomfield street, appeared with a writ of attachment for the ape.

He claims that an elephant keeper ripped open the top of his automobile with a hook, as the real circus was entraining, because the machine was in the way of one of the animals. Harper doesn't want the ape; he merely wants it kept in Hoboken till he collects damages from the Ringlings. So the ape is still the star performer at the pound.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

With only about three horses to each 100 residents Switzerland has the smallest equine population in any country.

If brass or copper be cleaned with salt and vinegar and then rubbed with olive oil it will not tarnish for a long time.

A German scientist claims to cure obesity by treating patients with small quantities of certain metals, introduced into their food.

Almost perfectly pure hydrogen gas is being made by a new German process that delivers it under pressure so it can be stored immediately.

Appearance of solidity has been given motion pictures by an inventor who photographs two films at the same time from slightly different angles.

That it will prevent automobiles overturning is the belief of the inventor of an arm to be so hinged to a car as to swing outward and press a small wheel against the ground when the car careens.

The HOME BEAUTIFUL

Flowers and Shrubbery—Their Care and Cultivation



The Effective Use of Ivy on the House and the Splendid Planting of Conifers in the Foreground Make an Interesting Study.

WORK-A-DAY NOTES

By E. VAN BENTHUYSEN.

If the season is a dry one some of the plants in the garden will have to be watered if you want flowers from them. This is especially true of the dahlia. Use enough water to penetrate all the soil in which their roots grow, and see that it is kept moist. Watering today and neglecting tomorrow or for a week to come isn't the proper thing. Save the suds from wash day for this purpose. The soap in the water will benefit the plants.

If there are some windows about the house where you would like to have some plants growing, and no provisions have been made for boxes for them, don't forego the pleasure because it seems to be late in the season. Use Coleus instead of flowering plants. A row of the yellow variety about the outside of the box with scarlet in the center, will make a window brilliant with color, and as these plants are of rapid growth you will not have to wait long for results. They will often be found more satisfactory than flowering plants, because their richly colored foliage will take the place of flowers, and it will be in evidence at all times; while few flowering plants will afford a constant show of color.

The gray Centaurea and the orange-yellow Pyrethrum (Golden Feather) can be used with the scarlet and yellow varieties of Coleus, with fine effect.

Don't be sparing of water on your window boxes. Ninety-nine cases of failure out of a hundred result from a lack of sufficient water. Being exposed to the air on all sides, evaporation takes place very rapidly. Apply water by the pailful instead of the bowlful, and there need be no failure to grow just as good plants in the window box as in the garden beds.

Be sure to apply substantial supports for the dahlias. If this is not done you will be likely to find them broken some morning after a sudden wind or a hard rainstorm. The stakes should be at least four feet tall—allow an extra foot and a half for insertion in the ground—and they should be an inch through and of good sound wood. Paint them a dull green and they will not be unpleasantly obtrusive. Tie the stalks to them with broad strips of cloth instead of strings. The latter will cut into the tender branches when they are whipped by the wind.

Beds of geranium are exceedingly ornamental, provided they are kept in tidy condition. This can only be done by keeping flower-trusses picked off. If the faded flowers are allowed to remain I know of no plant that can take on a more unsightly, slovenly look. Of course all the buds in a truss do not develop at the same time, and one does not like to destroy undeveloped flowers, but the clusters can be made to look clean and attractive by pulling away from them all flowers that have passed their prime and

taken on that draggled look which so detracts from the slightly appearance of everything else in the bed. Unless one has a great number of plants this can be done in a short time.

THE VERANDA BOX.

An ideal veranda box is planted with roses down its center, and the remaining space filled with standard climbing and drooping annuals.

The veranda box should be 15 inches wide, ten inches deep and as long as desired. Bore an inch hole through every square foot of the bottom of the box, then put in a layer of broken crockery, pebbles or cinders for drainage.

Roses thrive best in a rich but firm soil; therefore stiffen the soil with clay, and enrich with well-rotted cow-manure.

Plant the roses, if teas, six inches apart, and if hybrids twice that distance, and firm the soil well about them. Place the boxes where they will get the sun most of the day.

When the roses bloom, cut back to a strong and well-developed bud, and in a short time this shoot will grow and develop into a rose.

Water thoroughly when the soil is dry to the touch, but never sprinkle roses when they need watering.

Late in the fall carefully remove the roses with plenty of soil and pack them together in a well-drained corner of the garden.

Bury them in straw manure and leaves held down by cornstalks or thick brush.

Next spring, when the roses start into growth, cut back to within five or six inches of the ground, and plant into their boxes with new soil. Disturb the roots as little as possible.

SPINACH EASY TO GROW

You can sow spinach in the early spring and get a good crop, but you will have an earlier crop from fall-sown seed.

It is a gross feeder and for best results requires rich soil. If a small area only is available, it may be sown broadcast in beds; but by all means sow in drills, if possible, as the ground can be kept loose and free from weeds during the summer.

For all regions north of the Ohio river the winter protection should be given, and this may consist of coarse litter of any kind. In general, mulching is not required south of that line.

In the North the covering serves two purposes: Not only protection from freezing but it is also more easily gathered when thus protected from snow.

As to varieties for autumn sowing the Prickly Winter and Long Standing are the best. Of the former variety the term "prickly" applies only to the seeds; not to the foliage or edible part.

Long Standing is named from its habit of remaining in an edible condition for a long time before going to seed.

SMALL BARN FOR SMALL FARM PLOT

It Will Stable Eight Cows and Four Horses and Is Thoroughly Modern.

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Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building work on the farm, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as Editor, Author and Manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 1821 Prairie avenue, Chicago, Ill., and only include two-cent stamp for reply.

By WILLIAM A. RADFORD.

A general purpose barn for a farm of 20 or more acres is shown in accompanying illustration. It is 30 by 28 feet in size and is built to stable eight cows and four horses.

The barn has a concrete foundation wall and a concrete floor. The stalls are of the approved kind used in the best dairy stables.

The stanchions are of the turning or swinging pattern, and the stall partitions are of iron.

Each cow stall is 3 feet 3 inches wide. This width measures out even, and it is about right for the average cow.

The length of the floor from the manger to the gutter is 4 feet 6 inches. The gutter is 16 inches wide. These sizes are about what dairymen prefer, although there are dairy farms where the cows average extra large. For instance, some Holstein breeders pre-

fer large cows and they breed with that end in view.

In building a dairy stable a dairyman is governed by local conditions. The stalls given in this plan are plenty wide and long enough for Jerseys or other breeds of cows weighing up to 1,000 pounds.

The alleyway in the center of this stable is built wide to drive through with the manure spreader and for the handling of bedding and other litter.

The horse department is partitioned away from the cow stable by a good board partition that reaches to the ceiling. The two doors opening into the horse end of the barn are hung with weights, so they always pull shut. Most farmers like to have the horses and cows entirely separate.

The ceiling over the horse department is 9 feet in height. The ceiling

works like a chimney. The warm air from the stable rushes up through the chimney the same as the warm air from a fire.

The size of stable ventilators regulates the amount of air to be drawn off. The intake pipe should be large enough to supply sufficient fresh air for all the cows or other live stock confined in the stable, and the ventilators or out-take pipes should conform to the same carrying capacity.

For a stable containing 40 cows, two ventilators will be necessary, and these ventilators should measure two feet square inside, figuring the movement of air in the ventilating flues at 300 feet per minute. Not every two-foot ventilator carries air at the rate of 300 feet per minute. It depends on the height of the flue and the manner in which it is constructed. Ventilators are like chimneys—sometimes the draft is strong and sometimes it is less satisfactory.

Besides the tendency of warm air to go up, a movement of air in ventilators depends on the proportion of the ventilator to the amount of air to be carried. Also the direction of the wind is an influence. What is known as aspiration or suction induced by the wind passing over the top of a ventilator has a good deal to do with upward draft. Mechanical ventilator tops are manufactured to increase aspiration.

Some of the ventilators render valuable assistance in creating artificial drafts or increasing natural draft through a ventilating flue. Manufacturers have given especial attention to the building of metal ventilators from the stable up, so that the whole subject is receiving careful attention from different sources.

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Too Much.

George Ade said at a wedding breakfast at St. Joseph:

"Once, in putting on a new play of mine, the manager refused to have a young married couple in the cast."

"I'll take on one or the other, George," he said, "but not both."

"Why not both?" said I. "They're both clever."

"That may be," said he, "but the public, George, don't care to see a man making love to his own wife."

"Looks too much like acting, eh?" said I.

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Why She Is Hated.

Governor Whitman said at a banquet in Albany:

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"Germany reminds me of the chap who used to hold out a dollar or two from his envelope every pay day. His wife suspected him, and to make suspicion sure, she got a ready reckoner to check him up by."

"The next pay day, after consulting the ready reckoner, she said: 'Are you sure that's all, George?'"

"George turned red."

"Of course it's all," he said, confidently, with a cough."

"Well, George, I got a ready reckoner here, and, according to it, I should get more."

"Let's see your ready reckoner," said George.